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## RUSSIA IS SEEKING DEFENSIVE POSITION

Grand Duke's Lines Are Still Intact and Retreat Was Orderly

SERIOUS BATTLE ON LEFT BANK OF VISTULA

There is General Expectation That the Russian Forces Will Yet Oppose Strong Resistance to the Austro-Germans—Teutonic Allies Devoting Men and Strength in a Further Attempt to Strike at Warsaw—No Great Gains by Either Side in Western Zone—No Important Developments are Reported From the Austro-Italian Front—French Ministry Reports That Italy is to Send Troops to the Dardanelles.

With the Russian emperor on the Galician front, a new minister of war, General Polivanoff, in charge of Russian military affairs, and the grand duke's lines still intact, there is a general expectation that the Russian forces will yet oppose strong resistance to the Austro-Germans, whose sweep along the southeastern part of Galicia still continues.

The latest advice virtually agree that the Russian retreat has been an orderly one, although obliged to evacuate such important towns as Lemberg, Mikolowo and Hales, but this, it is intimated by Petrograd, had been for the purpose of making better defensive positions which the nature of the country further to the east affords. In this withdrawal movement, hard battles have been fought and the Russian rear guards have stubbornly contested every mile of territory which the Austro-Germans have gained.

So far as can be learned, the Teutonic allies are not transferring any of their eastern forces to the western zone, but are devoting all their men and strength to the Galician campaign and to a further attempt to strike at Warsaw, the Polish capital.

Describing the Russian retreat on the Galician front, the Russian official press says: "We repulsed desperate attacks by great German forces along the Bukowina-Halicz frontier."

The last official Russian communication indicates that a serious battle is being fought on the left bank of the Vistula, in Poland, where in attacks in the Ostrowa district, particularly against the town of Gliniany, the Austrians were repulsed and suffered great losses.

In the western theatre comparative

FAVORABLE REPLY PREDICTED FROM GERMANY. Concerning Submarine Warfare and Sinking of the Lusitania.

Washington, June 28.—Favorable reply from Germany to the last note of the United States concerning submarine warfare and the sinking of the Lusitania, was predicted in an official dispatch from Ambassador Gerard received today at the state department.

The note was transmitted by President Wilson at Cornish, N. H.

While the ambassador did not attempt to outline the forthcoming German note, he described the atmosphere in Berlin official quarters as favorable to a satisfactory reply.

The fact that Ambassador Gerard took occasion to visit the German legation in Berlin official quarters here, where it was pointed out that the ambassador's forecasts in the past had been conservative and consistent.

Ambassador Gerard understands the German official purpose to be to make no concessions which will affect the use of the submarines as means of warring on the commerce of Great Britain, but to propose some way by which American lives and legitimate interests will be safeguarded.

ARTILLERY RANGE FOR MILITIA AND REGULARS War Department Purchase of 19,000 Acres on Pocono Mountains.

Washington, June 28.—The War Department has bought for \$50,000 nineteen thousand acres of land at Polyan, Pa., for a field artillery range for both militia and regular troops.

It is probable that at least one similar range will be erected in the South, probably in Alabama or Georgia, and another in California. That will be dependent upon the development of the militia in those sections.

GERMAN CATHOLIC PRELATES PROTEST PARIS PUBLICATIONS, Relating to Alleged German Atrocities Against the Church.

Rome, Via Paris, June 28, 5.15 p. m.—Cardinal Vannetti, archbishop of Cologne and Cardinal von Bettinger, archbishop of Munich, have addressed the pope, strongly protesting against a publication which has appeared in Paris under the title of "War and Catholicism." This publication was compiled by Monsignor Baugillart, rector of the Catholic Institute at Paris, with an introduction by Cardinal Amette, against the church.

Cardinals von Hartmann and Bettinger deny that such atrocities ever occurred and declare that Cardinal Mercier was never imprisoned, as asserted in the article in question.

Three Men Killed in Wreck. St. Joseph, Mo., June 28.—Three men were killed yesterday in a head-on collision near here between two fast freight trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. L. H. Askew, engine driver; J. B. Forrester, fireman, and E. B. Berry, brakeman, were crushed to death, and William H. Stewart, the other engine driver, was injured so severely that

## Cabled Paragraphs

Americans Lack Passports. Liverpool, June 28, 5.56 p. m.—Six passengers of the American line steamship, the Paul, which arrived here last night from New York, have been detained on board the ship on account of the insufficiency or lack of passports.

Montenegrins Take Seaport. Berlin, June 28 (By wireless telegraph to Sayville, N. Y.)—A telegram received here from Scutari says that the Montenegrins have occupied the Albanian harbor of Giovanni Medun, and are now marching on Alessio.

TO PREVENT MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. Strict Surveillance is Being Maintained on Mexicans in the United States.

Washington, June 28.—The United States government has determined that so far as it can prevent, there shall be no further revolutionary movements in Mexico and that American territory, at any rate, shall not be used as a base for such expeditions. This it became known that the United States court in New Hampshire to determine whether he should be allowed his liberty under bail during the extradition proceedings to bring him back from that state to New York. They were General Frank S. Streeter of Concord, N. H., chairman of the commission and Dr. Charles P. Bancroft, superintendent of the new Hampshire State Hospital for the Insane at Manchester.

Expert Alienist Testifies. Dr. Bancroft, testifying as an expert alienist, said that he had examined Thaw both mentally and physically over a period of three weeks and had tested his mental condition "for reaction from every possible angle."

KILLED HIS WIFE DURING A QUARREL. Alleged Confession of Marshall S. Thompson of Hayden's Station.

Windsor, Conn., June 28.—Marshall S. Thompson, aged 21, colored, who has been held by State Attorney Albion Thompson in connection with the death of his 17 year old wife at Hayden's Station last night, confessed, according to the police, that he shot her during a quarrel. He had at first told the police that she had shot herself. Thompson was arrested, charged with the murder, and is now in custody.

WIRE TAPPING SCHEME WORKED ON HOTEL MAN. Fleece Out of \$8,000—Swindler Pleaded Guilty and is Sentenced.

New York, June 28.—Frederick Gondorf, who entered a plea of guilty last week to a charge of fleeing William F. Davis, a hotel keeper of Glassboro, N. J., out of \$8,000 by means of a dummy pool room and a wire tapping scheme, was today sentenced to ten years in Sing Sing prison.

CONDITIONS IN MEXICO CIT YARE CRITICAL. Zapatistas Holding the City With a Force of 25,000 Men.

Washington, June 28.—Official dispatches sent by the British charge at Mexico City, by courier to Vera Cruz and from there cabled to the state department today, pictured conditions in the Mexican capital as extremely critical.

FORMER GOV. SLATON OFF FOR PACIFIC COAST. Military Guard Withdrawn From His Suburban Home.

Atlanta, Ga., June 28.—Former Governor John M. Slaton, accompanied by Mr. Slaton left Atlanta late today for the Pacific coast by way of New York and tonight the military guard stationed at his suburban home since the demonstration against the commutation of Leo M. Frank's death sentence began on June 21 was withdrawn.

Boy Killed While Stealing a Ride. New Haven, Conn., June 28.—Nine year old Harry Kinney was killed tonight when he fell from a wagon on which he was stealing a ride in Grand Avenue and ran over by a car.

Fall From Roof Fatal. Hartford, Conn., June 28.—Sidney Reisman, 18 years old, fell from the roof of a five story building in Main street today and was instantly killed.

Child Burned to Death. Hartford, Conn., June 28.—A three year old child of East Hartford died tonight in a hospital as the result of burns received while playing with matches at her home.

Four Killed by Lightning. Grand Forks, N. D., June 28.—Four persons were killed by lightning during a severe electrical storm which swept North Dakota and north-

## Alienist Vouches Thaw's Sanity

MEMBER OF FEDERAL COMMISSION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PERFECTLY RATIONAL

Dr. C. P. Bancroft Stated That He Had Tested Thaw's Mental Condition "for Reaction from Every Possible Angle."

New York, June 28.—Harry K. Thaw was described as a sane and rational man by two members of the federal commission which was appointed by the United States court in New Hampshire to determine whether he should be allowed his liberty under bail during the extradition proceedings to bring him back from that state to New York.

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Thaw Perfectly Sane. "We found him perfectly sane and rational," said Dr. Bancroft. He said on cross examination that a true paranoiac would not be returning to his home in Athol after a trip through the Berkshires plunged into a lake.

Counsel For State Cites a Case. Counsel for the state cited to him a case in a New York hospital where a paranoiac had successfully concealed his delusion for a year and a half and gained his discharge as a sane man.

A Spoiled Child. "He seemed to have been a spoiled child," said the witness, "and some children of the rich he was brought up without discipline, given his own way too much and lacked occupation."

General Streeter, giving his opinion as a layman, said that Thaw acted in a perfectly normal way both while he was being examined and at a social occasion after the killing.

PRESIDENT DEVOTES TIME TO FOREIGN COMPLICATIONS. In Communication With Secretary Lansing and Other Officials.

Cornish, N. H., June 28.—President Wilson devoted several hours today to the consideration of the Mexican, the European and the Russian situation.

Mr. Wilson was notified of the arrest of the Mexican revolutionary General Victoriano Huerta, but the investigation of the charges against the former Mexican dictator and his prosecution will be left to department of justice officials.

\$2,000,000 COMMON STOCK HARTFORD GAS LIGHT CO. Purchased by Bondell & Co. of Providence—Hartford Company Associated.

Providence, R. I., June 28.—Bondell & Company, of that city, announced today that they had purchased from the United Gas and Electric corporation of New Jersey their holdings of the shares of the common stock of the Hartford Gas Light company.

Italian Mountain Artillery Effective. Rome, Via Paris, June 28, 11.53 p. m.—The following Italian official statement was given out here tonight: "In Carnia mountain artillery was transported with difficulty to a summit and used effectively on the enemy camp on the other side of Valle Piccola."

Movements of Steamships. Montreal, June 28.—Arrived, steamer Grampian, Liverpool.

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## Activity Along Mexican Border

IN THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

MEN CROSSING RIVER

Well Informed Persons Say the Detention of Huerta Will Not Retard New Movement—Predict Important Developments Soon.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—In spite of the detention here of General Victoriano Huerta, under federal bond, even the most conservative observers pointed to continued activity in the new revolutionary movement across the Rio Grande. Doubt was expressed by some close observers whether Huerta would make any effort to cross into Mexico even should he be released at his hearing July 1.

Well informed persons tonight said revolutionary agents were active and intimated that an average of 100 men were crossing the Rio Grande nightly. These persons do not believe the Huerta incident will retard revolutionary efforts and predict that important developments would occur in Juarez.

AUTO PLUNGED INTO CANAL AT TURNER'S FALLS. Robert D. Miller Was Drowned and His Wife Died of Shock.

Turner's Falls, Mass., June 28.—An automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Miller were returning to their home in Athol after a trip through the Berkshires plunged into a lake here today.

The machine, operated by Miss Locke, had crossed the high suspension bridge over the Connecticut river and entered a canal, plunging into the water.

The elder Miller was pinned beneath the car and could not extricate himself.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE IN MERIDEN AUTO STATION. \$10,000 Damage and an Employee Severely Burned.

Meriden, Conn., June 28.—Damages estimated at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 resulted today from a fire in the Meriden Auto station on West Main street owned by Mrs. Adam Englehardt.

It was about a year ago that Mrs. Englehardt's husband was blown to death in an explosion at the same place.

WORKED THE SICK ENGINEER SWINDLE. On Springfield Man—Swindler Gets Term in Sing Sing.

New York, June 28.—Nicholas Arnsfeldt was sentenced today to a term of two years and ten months in Sing Sing prison following his conviction on an indictment charging the theft of \$15,000 from William E. Shinks of Springfield, Mass.

MORE MIDSHIPMEN ARE MADE DEFENDANTS. Seven Additional Names Were Added to the List Yesterday.

Annapolis, Md., June 28.—Seven additional midshipmen were today made defendants or interested parties, before the court of inquiry which is investigating the "Cribbing" scandal at the Naval Academy, increasing the number to 23.

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## Condensed Telegrams

The convention of American Zionists opened in Boston.

About 16,000 Jews are serving with the British army.

Austria Hungary will husband officially the entire grain crop.

Senator Don Juan San Fuentes was elected president of Chile.

Contributions for the support of the American Ambulance Hospital in Paris total more than \$400,000.

A severe electrical storm struck Gloversville, New York. Boys snow-balled each other with the hail.

Frank W. Benson, 19 years old, received a divorce in St. Louis from his wife, Mrs. Ethel Benson, aged fifteen.

Twenty-eight thousand New Yorkers attended the first performance of the police carnival at the Gravesend race track.

Carrying a capacity cargo, including 152,000 bushels of wheat, the British steamer Den of Ogh, sailed from Boston for Liverpool.

Four hundred employees of the New York Shipbuilding Co. at Camden, Pa., declared a strike for a minimum daily wage scale.

Lova Romallo, aged 65, was drowned when he fell in a cistern in the rear of his home at Lodi, N. J., as he was dipping some water.

Two doe deer joined a herd of cows at Sparta, N. J., and grazed with the herd all day. They remained until driven away at night.

Reginald V. Philips, 34, was killed by lightning at North Scituate, N. I., while seeking shelter in a small shed used for storage purposes.

British trade union leaders issued an appeal to their fellow trade-unionists to volunteer and help in the manufacture of war munitions.

One thousand men, believed to be reservists for the Italian army, sailed from New York for Genoa on the Italian steamer Duca d'Aosta.

Alexander Kenesley, editor of the London "Daily Mirror," well known as a newspaperman, died at Haslemere, Surrey of heart trouble.

The State Department is obtaining the release from the British army of many young Americans who crossed the border and enlisted in Canada.

Because of the new Seamen's act, effective January 1, five steamers of the Robert Dollar Steamship Co. are to be changed to British registry.

William J. Bryan paid a farewell visit to the State Department before his departure for the coast, calling on Secretary Lansing and other officials.

During a thunder squall Harold Stedman, of No. 25 Leroy Street, New York, was drowned while swimming with other boys at Hastings-on-Hudson.

The city government of Berlin will issue a loan of \$72,000,000 for which \$34,250,000 will be for the acquisition and extension of the Berlin Electrical works.

Raymond Swoboda, who was arrested in connection with the sinking of the steamer La Touraine and who claimed American citizenship, is ill in a Paris prison.

Twenty five students of Columbia university, each accompanied by an interpreter, sailed for Greece on the steamer Panagiotis to act as Red Cross agents.

An excursion train enroute to New Orleans was struck at a crossing, killing Miss Sadie Lynch, 26 and stenographer, and wrecking the car.

The Rev. Frank Westcott, aged 56, an author, committed suicide by hanging in a hospital at Milwaukee, Wis. He had been under treatment for nervous trouble.

Trade between Russia and England is expected to be stimulated considerably in the near future by the establishment of a Russian Chamber of Commerce in London.

Christopher Duryea of Highland Park, N. J., died of injuries received when his auto, which he was driving, struck through gates into the Delaware & Raritan Canal.

Damage of \$10,000 was done when a lot of lightning struck a building and exploded half a ton of black powder at the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Mill at Wayne, N. J.

Two hundred and fifty men and women, who four months ago entered the Philadelphia Hospital, to all appearances hopeless victims of the drug habit, have been discharged as cured.

While the Windsor, Vt. fire department was struggling to extricate itself from a rut in the road, three porters from President Wilson's private car extinguished a blaze in a nearby house.

Mrs. Harvey Meade, wife of a traveling salesman, was attacked in her home at Norton, Vt. by a negro, who then fled to the mountains. State troops were asked for to prevent a lynching in case the negro is caught.

Burglars, who are believed to have rowed across the Penobscot river from vicinity of Old Town, blew the post office safe at Bradley, Me., and escaped with about \$80 in coin. They overlooked a much larger amount in bills.

Major Nakajima and Captain Hashimoto, Japanese officers fighting with the Russian army at Lemberg, committed suicide when the fortress fell rather than stand what they considered the dishonor of being made prisoners of war.

Thomas G. Forney an attorney of Washington, D. C., was arrested in a Pittsburgh hotel on a charge of murdering a cook employed at his former home in New England and about 12,000 workers, was given by Mayor William M. Ingraham at the opening of their sixth annual convention at

## U. S. Contention in the Frye Case

SETTLEMENT BY DIRECT DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

OUTSIDE PRIZE COURT

Denies Right of Germany to Stop Carrying of Contraband "by Destruction of the Contraband and the Ship Carrying it"

Washington, June 28.—By agreement with the German foreign office the state department made public tonight the text of the note sent on June 24 by the United States asking Germany to reconsider her refusal to settle by direct diplomatic negotiations, instead of by prize court proceedings, the claim presented on behalf of the captain and crew of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich. Ambassa-

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PERPLEXED BY FIRE IN CLAY CLIFFS. Gay Head, Mass., Residents Unable to Account for Mystery.

Gay Head, Mass., June 28.—The inhabitants of this little settlement on Martha's Vineyard Island have been perplexed for two days by a mysterious fire burning in the heart of one of the clay cliffs from which the village received its name.

It was noticed yesterday that smoke was issuing from Black Cliff, 100 feet above sea level, and 25 feet below the top of the promontory. Investigation showed that smoke columns were rising from the clay at different places in a tract about 25 feet square, and the soil on the surface bore a yellow stain. So far as local traditions indicate, there never has been a subterranean fire in the locality.

Although the cause of the phenomenon has not been explained, a few theories have been advanced. One is that an undiscovered deposit of bituminous coal has been ignited in an inexplicable manner. Supporters of this theory say that the odor from the smoke bears out their contention. Others believe that a torrential rainfall on Saturday penetrated an unknown lime formation and set up a combustion.

HORN REFUSED TO PLEAD TO INDICTMENT. Charging Illegal Transportation of Dynamite from New York to Maine.

Boston, June 28.—Werner Horn, who, claiming to be an officer of the German army, tried to blow up the international bridge at Vanceboro, Me., last February, today refused to plead to three federal indictments charging illegal transportation of dynamite from New York to Maine. Pleas of not guilty were entered by direction of the court.

District Attorney Anderson asked for an immediate trial, but former Congressman Jordan P. O'Connell, counsel for the prisoner, objected on the ground that he wished to enter an appeal from a decision of the court, rendered several weeks ago, dismissing Horn's habeas corpus petition.

After Horn had been brought from jail and had told the court personally that he preferred to remain in confinement all summer rather than go to trial without an opportunity to have the circuit court of appeals pass on his habeas corpus, the case was continued until September.

TWO MORE MOTORCYCLISTS INJURED AT DARIEN. Were Struck by an Automobile—Chaufeur Held in \$2,000 Bonds.

Darien, Conn., June 28.—Two motorcyclists, Veveto Caputo and Antonio Leonetti, under indictment for attempting to murder Mrs. Mary Parkhurst, a cook employed at the boarding place, shot the woman and himself a few hours before his case was to be called in court today. Mrs. Parkhurst was not fatally injured. The shooting took place in the yard of the house where Mrs. Parkhurst was employed. The police say that she had objected to Morrissey's attentions.

WOONSOCKET MAN KILLS HIMSELF BEFORE TRIAL. Indicted for Attempting Murder, He Shot Woman and Himself.

Woonsocket, R. I., June 28.—William Morrissey, under indictment for attempting to murder Mrs. Mary Parkhurst, a cook employed at the boarding place, shot the woman and himself a few hours before his case was to be called in court today. Mrs. Parkhurst was not fatally injured. The shooting took place in the yard of the house where Mrs. Parkhurst was employed. The police say that she had objected to Morrissey's attentions.

OBITUARY. John Clinton Gray.

Newport, R. I., June 28.—John Clinton Gray, judge of the court of appeals of New York for many years, died at his summer home here today. He was stricken with a paralytic shock last Wednesday and pneumonia set in a day later. Judge Gray was 72 years old.

\$10,000 Fire at Wilson's Station. Windsor, Conn., June 28.—Fire of uncertain origin tonight destroyed the building occupied by Anders Christensen, market agent at the Windsor Station, causing a loss of \$10,000. Mr. Christensen was overcome with smoke while fighting the blaze and nearly lost his life. He was rescued by firemen.

As the village has no fire department, a company from the Hartford department was sent to the scene.

Refused Holy See Mail. Washington, June 28.—In a verbal note presented at the state department today, the Italian embassy asserted that the Austro-Hungarian postal authorities had refused to receive and forward mails from the Holy See, even when bearing the official seal of the